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Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2163–2171, and S. Res. 310–311. Page S2223

Measures Passed:

Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act: Senate passed H.R. 1047, to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to modify temporarily certain rates of duty, to make other technical amendments to the trade laws, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof, the text of S. 671, Senate companion measure, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Grassley/Baucus Amendment No. 2678, to make certain technical amendments. Page S2188

Subsequently, S. 671, was returned to the Senate calendar. Page S2188

Galisteo Basin Archaeological Sites Protection Act: Senate passed H.R. 506, to provide for the protection of archaeological sites in the Galisteo Basin in New Mexico, clearing the measure for the President.

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Fort Bayard National Historic Landmark Act: Senate passed H.R. 2059, to designate Fort Bayard Historic District in the State of New Mexico as a National Historic Landmark, clearing the measure for the President.

Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act: Senate continued consideration of S. 1637, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to comply with the World Trade Organization rulings on the FSC/ETI benefit in a manner that preserves jobs and production activities in the United States, to reform and simplify the international taxation rules of the United States, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

McConnell/Frist Modified Amendment No. 2680 (to Amendment No. 2660), to protect the jobs of American workers.

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Thomas (for McCain) Amendment No. 2685 (to Amendment No. 2660, as modified and amended), to protect United States workers from competition of

foreign workforces for performance of Federal and State contracts. Page S2206

By 70 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 32), Dodd Modified Amendment No. 2660, to protect United States workers from competition of foreign workforces for performance of Federal and State contracts.

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Pending:

Bunning Amendment No. 2686, to accelerate the phase-in of the deduction relating to income attributable to domestic production activities.

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Grassley (for Bayh) Amendment No. 2687 (to Amendment No. 2686), to provide for the extension of certain expiring provisions. Pages S2211-17

Budget Resolution—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States government for fiscal year 2005, if available and qualified, at 12 noon, on Monday, March 8, 2004. Page S2253

Authority for Committees Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate, the Committee on the Budget and the Committee on Foreign Relations, were authorized to file legislative reports on Friday, March 5, 2004, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

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Appointments:

National Commission of Small Community Air Service: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–176, appointed the following individual to serve as a member of the National Commission of Small Community Air Service: Robb B. Sexauer of South Dakota. Page \$2253

Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 108–199, appointed the following individuals to serve as members of the Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Fellowship Program: Senator Durbin and Brad R. Heegel of South Dakota.

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Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the text of a proposed Protocol Amending the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United

States of America and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy; to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-70)

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Privilege of the Floor: Page S2253

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—32)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday, March 8, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page \$2254.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product Promotion concluded an oversight hearing to examine the development of a national animal identification plan, focusing on the benefits and current status of animal identification systems and the plan of the Department of Agriculture for implementation of a national identification system, after receiving testimony from William Hawks, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Marketing and Regulatory Programs; Bret D. Marsh, Indianapolis, Indiana, on behalf of the U.S. Animal Health Association; Fritz Schmitz-Hsu, Ittigen, Switzerland, on behalf of the Animal Tracking Corporation; Mike John, Columbia, Missouri, on behalf of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association; Joy Philippi, Bruning, Nebraska, on behalf of the National Pork Producers Council; Bob Lehfeldt, Montana Wool Growers Association, Helena, on behalf of the American Sheep Industry Association; and Ronald Ostberg, Montana Farmers Union, Great Falls, on behalf of the National Farmers Union.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Energy, after receiving testimony from Spencer Abraham, Secretary of Energy.

APPROPRIATIONS: GAO/GPO/CBO

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the General Accounting Office (GAO), the Government Printing Office (GPO), and the Congressional Budget Office (CBO), after receiving testimony from David M. Walker, Comptroller General, Gene L. Dodaro, Chief Operating Officer, Stanley Czerwinski, Associate Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, and Sallyanne Harper, Chief Mission Support Office and Chief Financial Officer, all of the General Accounting Office; Bruce James, Public Printer and William H. Turri, Deputy Public Printer, both of the Government Printing Office; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, and Elizabeth M. Robinson, Deputy Director, both of the Congressional Budget Office.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Education, after receiving testimony from Roderick Paige, Secretary of Education; Paul G. Vallas, School District of Philadelphia, Sam Evans, American Foundation for Negro Affairs, and C. Delores Tucker, Philadelphia Martin Luther King, Jr. Association for Nonviolence, Inc., all of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; James Weaver, Pennsylvania State Education Association, Harrisburg; Melissa Jamula, Reading School District, Reading, Pennsylvania; James R. Scanlon, Ouakertown Community School District, Quakertown, Pennsylvania; and Marie Slobojan, Tredyffrin/Easttown School District, Berwyn, Pennsylvania.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2005, focusing on military strategy and operational requirements, after receiving testimony from General James L. Jones, Jr., USMC, Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe; and General John P. Abizaid, USA, Commander, United States Central Command.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel concluded a hearing to examine the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2005, focusing on compensation, benefits, and health care for active and Reserve military personnel and their families, after receiving testimony from Senators Daschle and Graham (SC); Charles S. Abell, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and William Winkenwerder, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, both of the Department of Defense;